

2018 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2018 Water Quality Report is now available.

Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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INNOVATIVE VOLUNTEER UNIT CELEBRATES MILESTONE



The unit aims to recruit additional volunteers to double its ranks.

On July 7, 2017 the Santa Barbara Police Department launched the Volunteers in Policing Program (VIPs). To date, this uniformed cadre has contributed almost three thousand volunteer hours to the City promoting community awareness and bolstering safety.

Each volunteer participated in personally rewarding and meaningful work, including but not limited to: foot patrols; assisting constituents in the police lobby; reviewing hours of surveillance video for investigative leads; visiting the homes of seniors in our community at risk of scams; acting as a

Volunteer Hearing Officer for parking citations; conducting traffic control / road closures during recent natural disasters; assisting Animal Control; co-writing grants; attending various community meetings on behalf of the Department; and conducting other various research tailored to their experience, skills, and public service motivation.

The program has been rewarding to the participants and has also promoted a clear alignment to Chief Luhnnow's vision for 21st Century Community Policing. "The expertise that these volunteers bring are essential skills to any organization," said Luhnnow, "...and they convey a level of professionalism that any employer would love to tap into."

These eleven incredible inaugural members have exceeded all expectations and have become the cornerstone of a truly great program with unlimited potential. Civic organizations and sponsors such as the Santa Barbara Police Foundation and the Bunnin Chevrolet Family were instrumental in providing infrastructure and resources to bolster the program's success.

The success of the program can be attributed to Howie Giles, Director of Volunteer services, a now retired distinguished UCSB professor. Without Howie's leadership and dedication, the program would certainly not be where it is today. Giles has spearheaded recruitment, training and scheduling.

In addition to Giles, outstanding VIP's include: Corey Anderson, Jose Chicote, Jane Giles, Dick Kemmerer, Steve Kemmerer, Dale Kunkel, Brad Pullen, Jerry Siegel, John Stein, and Bob Van Buren.

Interested in becoming a VIP? The Department is seeking active and healthy participants who can commit 20 hours per month. This equal opportunity position requires each successful candidate to pass a comprehensive background investigation prior to appointment. Contact Howie Giles at hgiles@sbpd.com.

DON'T FALL INTO THE SAME WATERING PATTERN



Easily adjust your irrigation system to the season using the Watering % Adjust value found on our website.

Americans use 9 billion gallons of water outdoors, mostly for landscape irrigation. Almost 50 percent of the water used outdoors goes to waste due to wind, evaporation, and runoff caused by inefficient irrigation methods. Many sprinkler timers are set to run all year without adjustment, resulting in wasted water during rain, wind, or lost to heat given off by the sun.

To prevent water waste and improve plant health, adjust your irrigation system with the season. The City has two simple online tools for efficient watering. The Landscape Watering Calculator will give you a template watering schedule for your garden based on plant type, soil type, and irrigation method. That schedule can then be easily adjusted based on local weather by using the Watering % Adjust value updated weekly online. Explore these tools at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Irrigation or for one-on-one assistance, call for a free Water Checkup appointment at (805) 564-5460.

FORMER SANTA BARBARA LIBRARIAN INDUCTED INTO THE CALIFORNIA LIBRARY HALL OF FAME



Former Santa Barbara Librarian Frances Burns to be inducted into the California Library Hall of Fame.

Santa Barbara Public Library's own Frances Burns Linn will be inducted into the California Library Hall

of Fame this fall. Serving as the head librarian from 1906 through 1943, she was the impetus behind building the 101 year-old Central Library. Linn solicited the Carnegie Grant that helped the City build the Library, and she played an important role in the creation and building of the Faulkner Gallery.

Frances Linn was one of the Library's first public library directors, and while serving as California Library Association vice president in 1927 she was responsible for creating and distributing the famous orange signs designating county library outlets throughout the state, which organized small reading rooms and outlets into Free Public Library Branches. Linn's service philosophy is as relevant today as it was then: "The library can be the means of building up the neighborhood life and community spirit. It can be the common interest in the small towns where differences of creed and politics and social position separate the people, dissipating the forces for good."

SOLARIZE SANTA BARBARA OFFERS SAVINGS AND SOLAR COACHING



The City-sanctioned solar program allows residents to install solar energy systems at affordable prices.

To support its 100% renewable electricity goals, the City has partnered with Community Environmental Council's (CEC) Solarize Santa Barbara to help homeowners install quality solar energy systems at affordable prices. The program runs through August 30. Over the past 7 years, CEC

has helped over 657 homeowners install solar energy systems. So far this summer, 104 local homeowners have begun the solar consultation process with energy advisors at CEC and their vetted installers.

The goal of Solarize is to make the residential solar energy systems installation process simple and affordable. CEC has partnered with two local installers, Brighten Solar and California Solar Electric, to ensure high-quality solar energy system installs. Solarize installer partners offer reduced prices for the Solarize program duration, assuring that homeowners get the best price for a quality solar system. This year the program also includes an energy storage option. With Southern California Edison changing their time of use rates, adding a battery system may be useful so that energy generated from solar panels can be discharged when electricity prices are higher in the evening.

CEC will be hosting free, educational workshops throughout Southern Santa Barbara County to help homeowners better understand solar technologies, energy storage, and financing options. If you're a homeowner interested in the program and want to learn more about the Solarize program, then a workshop is a great first step. For more information on upcoming workshops, visit solarizesb.org or call (805) 963-0583 x 102.

Cash for Making Your Garden More Water Wise!



Get a rebate of up to 50% of the material costs of pre-approved irrigation equipment, water wise plants and mulch, laundry to landscape graywater materials, and smart irrigation controllers.

Any combination of irrigation equipment and planting costs may qualify for a one-time, maximum **rebate of \$1,000 for homes and \$4,000 for businesses.** Rebates are not retroactive and a pre-inspection is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

call 564-5460, or visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise



FOR A WATER WISE GARDEN, TUNE IN TO GARDEN WISE TV



Create a water wise garden with help from Garden Wise TV.

A new episode of Garden Wise TV is now available to watch online titled "I'll Take Plants for \$400 Alex." In this episode, learn about defensible space, how to design a fire wise garden, how to select the right plants for your landscape, tips for picking the right plant at a nursery, learn about beneficial insects, and find out who wins Water Wise Jeopardy!

To watch the latest episode visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenWise